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MINUTES

Recreation Commission
Jan. 10, 2022

A Recreation Commission meeting was held on Jan. 10, 2021 via Zoom. Commissioners in attendance were Kayla Cushman, Gina Dalan, Stephen Crowley and Kristen Belanger. Jen Andersen was also in attendance.

1. **Call to Order** - At 7:00pm, Ms. Belanger called the meeting to order.
2. **Approval of Minutes**- Ms. Cushman made a motion to approve the Dec. minutes Ms. Dalan seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.
3. **Review of Bills**- Bills reviewed.
4. **Correspondence**- An email was read in regards to the townspeople volunteering to decorate the town common. The historical commission approved of the decorations and complimented the work. Ms. Belanger mentioned a bigger tree for next year's event. Ms. Andersen said she would like to talk to the historical commission and other relevant departments to see if they can all pitch in for a big tree to be planted. A second email correspondence was spoken about in regards to municipal center basketball being moved to other schools. Two of the four elementary school gyms aren't being used for basketball so basketball times at the municipal center have been moved to other schools. There was some miscommunication about why basketball wasn't going to be in the municipal center. It was addressed.
5. **Commissioners Update: CPC, OSRP Updates**- There were no updates from the commissioners. Ms. Andersen spoke about 95 N. St. and that she has been working with the Conservation Dept. She went over some edits and changes to the document for 95 N. main St. Ms. Belanger asked if the commissioners could respond to Ms. Andersen's email with comments on the document. Ms. Belanger asked the commission if they wanted to read the documents and discuss at the next Rec meeting or email Ms. Andersen the comments before the next meeting. They decided to email Ms. Andersen comments by the end of the week. Ms. Andersen asked the commissioners what they would like their level of involvement to be. Ms. Belanger said to narrow down the companies to the top 3 candidates and then they can compare notes between companies. Ms. Belanger asked if there was a standard set of questions that each company is asked for comparison. Ms. Andersen said yes and that for the super park she spent about 45 min- 1 hr with each company. Ms. Belanger asked to put the questions Rec is asking now on the agenda for next meeting to see if the commissioners would like to add any more questions. Ms. Belanger would like to see how each company scores and any notes from the interviews.
6. **OSRP Action Items**- Mr. Crowley has the list of action items. Discussion ensued on the list of action items and who takes the lead and what should be in the Rec Dept.'s hands. Discussion will ensue monthly. Ms. Belanger would like to check off a few items on the list this year if possible.
7. **Beach 2022**- Ms. Andersen informed the commissioners there will be a change to the swim lesson schedule this year at Silver lake Beach. She currently doesn't have any certified swim instructors and it

has been difficult to hire those in the past. She is thinking to hold swim lessons for just the younger kids this summer. If there weren't as many swim lessons or no swim lessons, the beach could change its hours and open earlier. The hours could change from 11-7 to 10-6. Ms. Belanger asked if she meant no swim lessons at all or just a reduction in the amount of swim lessons. Ms. Andersen said maybe just the younger levels/private lessons. Ms. Belanger does not want to get rid of swim lessons. She asked if the younger levels would be private or group lessons and Ms. Andersen said it would be based on who she had to teach. Ms. Dalan asked what the criteria was to get the certification, how much it cost and how long it takes. Ms. Andersen responded with about \$400 and that Grafton Rec offers a 50% discount. Ms. Dalan said Mr. Carney could advertise it in his weekly newsletter and Rec should reach out to the swim team, put it on the Rec FB page. Ms. Belanger said the Rec Dept. has a responsibility to the community to teach as many kids as they can how to swim since Grafton has a body of water and she does not agree to have no swim lessons offered at a place where kids swim. Mr. Crowley agrees with Ms. Belanger and stated the Rec Dept. and the town has an obligation to teach kids how to swim. Ms. Belanger acknowledged that it can be a hard process to find staff but the Rec Dept. could look for someone in the community, such as a parent who is in the community and would want to help out in this area. Ms. Cushman agreed and thinks the Rec Dept. should market the position differently to draw a larger audience for the swim teacher positions. Ms. Andersen asked what the commissioners thought about the operating hours of the beach and changing them to 10am-6pm. Ms. Belanger asked if there are numbers on how many people visit the beach at night and that she imagines the morning would be the priority.

8. **Director's Report-** Ms. Andersen announced that the Spring & Summer brochure will be coming out next week with registration starting on Feb. 7th at 8am. Old favorites and new programs such as Road Race, Truck Day, Beach Party and a pet movie night can be found inside the brochure. Ms. Belanger asked if the ice rink was functioning and Ms. Andersen said yes. The Rec Dept. still has a job opening for a Recreation Coordinator. Ms. Andersen has a few applications for the open Rec commissioner position. There are 4 currently to review. Ms. Dalan said it is helpful to meet all the candidates and Ms. Belanger agreed to invite all 4 applicants to the next Rec meeting.
9. - At 7:59pm Ms. Dalan made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Cushman seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.